

The Hong Kong Daily Press.

No. 4999 聖十九年十一月廿一 壬午庚寅 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1870. 六年期 西廿月廿一英 港香 PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

Dec. 23, AMOR, Siam, br., 263, Witt, Ch. for 12th December, General—Chittar Dec. 23, JOHN O'GAUNT, Brit. br., 559, Donnan, London 8th August, General—G. Overbeck.

Departures.

None.

Clearances.

AT THE HAMBURG MINTENZ, DEPTIC 23RD DECEMBER.

Note.

Passengers.

For Amoy, from Chefoo; 2 Chinese.

For Madras, etc., for Singapore, &c.—Messrs. John Hudson and N. Joseph.

Reports.

The San, bark Amy, from Chefoo on the 22nd December, reports variable winds until off Shanghai, then bad monsoon until arrival.

The British ship John O'Gaunt, left the Downs on the 8th August, had light N.E. trade until 15th Nov., found the S.E. trade in lat. 33° N., crossed the Equator on 5th September, in long. 130° E., and continued northward, reaching the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on 7th October, in lat. 44° S.; passed South of Gough Island, and in making up the distance had strong gales between N.W. and N.E.; sighted St. Paul on October 21st; found the S.E. trade very light, and reached Lombok on November 3rd, experienced light variable winds in Pitt and Gilolo Passages, and thence to 15° N.; there N.E. monsoon moderate until arrival; 136 days out.

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c.

TO LET.

(With possession on 1st January, 1871). THAT very desirable BUNGALOW, situated in Paddington, near the Victoria Embankment, MOUNTAIN ROAD, in the occupation of J. MENKS, Esq., Bowling Alley, Couch House, 4-stalled Stable, &c., attached. Water laid on. Apply to GILMAN & CO.

GILMAN & CO. 6219, Hongkong, 17th December, 1870.

TO LET.

(With possession on 1st Oct. next). THE HOUSE AND OFFICE, No. 9, Gough Street, at present occupied by Messrs. KITCHENER, FORD & CO., Agents for GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. 6217, Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

TO LET.

(With immediate possession). N. O. 4, Peabody Terrace, Edgar Street, Apply to LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO. 1898, Hongkong, 20th September, 1869.

TO LET.

(With immediate possession). THE HOUSE AND OFFICES, No. 4, Gough Street, lately occupied by Messrs. WILKINSON & CO. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

6257, Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

TO LET.

(With immediate possession). THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

N. O. 4, Peabody Terrace, Edgar Street, Apply to LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO. 2028, Hongkong, 17th November, 1870.

REDUCTION IN RATES ON CHINESE RISKS.

ON and after the 15th instant, the minimum rate for the insurance against Fire or China Premiums in this Colony will be reduced to Two per cent, per annum.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

1897, Hongkong, 14th November, 1870.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM ON CHINESE RISKS.

ON and after the 15th instant, the Minimum Rate for Insurance against Fire or First Class Chinese Premiums in this Colony, will be Two per cent, per annum, instead of three per cent, as heretofore.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO., Secretaries, Victoria Fire Insurance Co. of Hongkong, Limited.

6205, Hongkong, 14th November, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after the 15th instant, the Company will be prepared to accept risks on First class Chinese Houses at the rate of Two per cent, per annum, instead of Three per cent, as heretofore.

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—\$5,000,000 Dollars.

Capital of Directors—

Chairman, H. B. FRASER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman, H. B. ROBERTS,

E. A. HILLIARD, Esq.

George F. HORN, Esq.

George H. LEWIS, Esq.

S. D. MANNING, Esq.

A. F. TAYLOR, Esq.

Managers—

Hongkong—Victor Kresser, Esq.

Chief Manager, David J. LEWIS, Esq.

London Bankers—John C. L. TURNER, Esq.

Head Office—HONGKONG AND CHINA BANKING CORPORATION.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months—2 per cent, per annum.

6 " 5 "

12 " 7 "

Local Bills DISCOUNTED.

Granted on Applications of Merchants and business transacted.

Drawn on London, and the chief mercantile places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1870.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

COKES—TENDERS will be received until

TUESDAY, the 27th instant, for the purchase of

the Cokes made at this Company's Works, during a period of one year commencing

from the 1st day of January next.

Particulars can be obtained on application at

the Office, West Point.

A. NEWTON,

Manager.

253 2105, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1870.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE—On the 1st of December, and

until further notice, the price of gas will be Four Dollars per 1000 cubic feet, instead of

Five Dollars and Fifty Cents as heretofore.

A. NEWTON,

Manager.

42 Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

HONGKONG AND CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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A Minister in New Hampshire lately announced his congegration by praying for rain in the following fashion:—“O, Lord, have mercy for rain! Not for us, but for them, as having no place of safety; but, a dismal ‘sozzy’ in rain, which lasts all day and pretty much all night.”

We have another characteristic utterance from Mr. Carlyle in the Franco-German war. Germany appears in this instance as Miss Mabel, the Archangel, and France as Lucifer, the Devil. This “moral” is such an instance of Michael & Satan as the philosopher of Chelles “has never read in all history before.” It is a pity this old fanatic cannot be muzzle—*Public Opinion*.

A girl fourteen years of age was walking round the beach near St. Nazaire, when she was caught by the waves and washed off her feet three times. Once she was taken some distance out to sea, but another wave threw her back again. At last she clutched the sea wall, and got home with difficulty in a very exhausted condition.

For some days past the household of Mr. Newey, pawnbroker, Wolverhampton, has been affrighted by unaccountable knockings and other noises in various parts of the house, and, from the inability of the family to discover the cause, these unusual disturbances were attributed to the ghost of a deceased person. Various writers have considered somewhat probable in consequence of a death having occurred recently on the premises. The noise was at length traced to the servant girl, who said she was instigated by a malevolent neighbour.

CHINESE CIVILIZATION.—The Chinese made the first step out of inferior savagery more than two thousand years ago, but they have done nothing further. They are destitute of nearly every attribute that entitles a people to be called civilized. The Chinese are very capable of civilization when the means will be given them, but until now they have had no chance to do so. The English Government, however, it will permit its people to confer on China a greater benefit than ever has been the lot of one race to give to another—the blessings of civilization to several hundred millions of people.—*The Times*, London, by George Tait.

CATHOLICISM IN CHINA.—They (the missionaries) have had considerable success in their mission work, the Catholics in China probably numbering several millions. It requires a less mental effort for a Chinaman to become a Catholic Christian than to be a Protestant. The ceremonial is something tangible. There is something to hold on to. There may be other causes, but this seems to me to be the chief cause of the success of the Catholics. Their religion, furthermore, is not of a very denominative kind. A priest once said, when came to Peking, that he served God better here before he became a Catholic. I missed him one Sunday morning, and found that he had gone to confession. He told me his family had been Catholics for four generations.—*The Times*, London, by George Tait.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
DECEMBER 23RD, EVENING.

There has been a better enquiry from foreign quarters for Bengal drugs, sales of Patna having been effected on cash and on time, due 25th inst., at \$375. Bananas have been placed to \$45, equivalent to \$35 per picul, and \$35 to \$350, ready for immediate delivery. Trade stock in hand is in two strong hands. Market closes firm, and with every likelihood of a further improvement upon the following rates:—New Patna, \$375; New Barars, \$35; Patna, \$350; 15th inst. on 3 weeks’ credit. Mica continues in fair demand, at \$35 per picul, with allowance in weight of one to four catties, per obat according to quality.

EXCHANGE.
ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, at 3 months’ sight, £100. Bank Bills, at 6 months’ sight, 4/4 to 4/4. Credits, at 6 months’ sight, 4/4 to 4/4. Documentary Bills, at 6 months’ sight, 4/4 to 4/4. Bills on demand, 4/4.

ON NEW YORK.—Private, 3 months’ sight, 17 to 18 p. o. g.

ON HONGKONG.—Bank, 3 days’ sight, 22d. CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days’ sight, 26.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, 15 days’ sight, 74d. Bank, 30 days’ sight, 74d. Private, 30 days’ sight, 74d.

SHAKES.—Hongkong Bank Shares, 100 p. o. g. 24 to 24½ percent, prem. 17 to 18 p. o. g. Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares, \$1,000 p. o. g. On China Traders’ Insurance Company’s Shares, 100 p. o. g. 24 to 24½ percent, prem. Shuih Steam Navigation Co., 100 p. o. g. 12 to 12½ p. o. g. China Sea, Saigon, and Siam, 100 p. o. g. 20 to 20½ percent, prem. China and Siam Steam Navigation Co., 100 p. o. g. 20 to 20½ percent, prem. Hongkong Hotel Shares, 100 p. o. g. 20 percent, prem. Hongkong Distillery Co., 15 p. o. g. Indo-Chinese Sugar Co., 100 p. o. g.

SALES ON DECEMBER 23RD, 1870.

Fungus, 20 bags, at \$20.00, by Hung-kai-chau to travelling merchant.

Dried Lily Flowers, 20 bags, at \$12.00, by Hung-kai-chau to travelling merchant.

Shoemak, 100 bags, at \$18.50, by Kwoong-wing-shing to travelling merchant.

White Wine, 5 pieces, at \$157, by Kwoong-wing-shing to Hongkong merchant.

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